the PULSE

BOSTON, MASS. OCTOBER, 1962

NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS HOSPITAL

Christmas Cards

To all readers of "THE PULSE":

May I take the liberty of expressing some personal opinions to you for your consideration.

The Christmas Season is approaching rapidly. If we follow the custom of previous years, many of us will spend considerable time and money in the next few weeks to purchase and mail Christmas cards.

I do not criticize the use of cards to exchange thoughts of good will *with those we seldom see.* However, I believe that sending Christmas cards to those with whom we associate daily is an unnecessary and extravagant practice that has gotten completely out of hand. With each passing year, our "mailing lists" seem to increase in length, and I, personally, have reached the point where I am ashamed of the amount I have been spending for cards and postage when I think of the number of needy families who live within a few miles of our hospital.

How many of you share my feelings and would be willing to apply some of the money you have been spending for cards toward something which would be more in keeping with the Christmas spirit?

May I suggest that we stop sending cards to those we see daily and instead contribute the amount the cards and stamps would cost to a worthy charitable organization which would use our gift to bring Christmas happiness to those who need assistance. One such agency is the Salvation Army which provides Christmas dinners for the needy.

Many other organizations accomplish this objective by setting up a Christmas offering box. Each employee who wishes to contribute some of his Christmas card money deposits it in the box and signs his name to the list of donors.

I would like to institute this plan at our hospital this year and believe that those of you who participate in the program will find this a more satisfactory way to share the spirit of Christmas.

R. D. LOWRY,
Executive Director

48 STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM NURSING SCHOOL

The nursing school graduation for 48 students in the class of 1962 was held in John Hancock Hall on September 10, at 8:15 p.m.

Dr. Richard H. Overholt, director of the Overholt Thoracic Clinic and member of the New England Deaconess staff, greeted the class with an address on the necessity of a sense of conviction about life, and specifically, about one's work.

He mentioned that during his recent trip to Moscow, he saw an exceeding amount of conviction and dedication on the part of the Communist people toward their goals and that this fact creates for us an additional challenge to live and work with persistence and continuity toward our personal and professional goals.

Dr. George A. Wolf, vice-president for medical and dental affairs at Tufts University, spoke on the role, image and responsibilities of today's nurse. He stressed the importance of the health 'team' or 'unit', referring to the ways in which a nurse might supplement the doctor's work in order to achieve maximum efficiency.

He then spoke of the symbol of Florence Nightingale with her sympathetic and humanitarian image of nursing and said this was indeed of great importance and should be maintained. He concluded that the greatest responsibility of the professional nurse is her awareness of specific needs as they arise in varying situations.

(Continued on Page 2)

APPOINT DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS

New appointments announced at the Deaconess Hospital are Mrs. Kenneth N. Palmer as Director of Social Services and Mrs. Charles A. Rossiter as Director of Volunteers.

Before coming to the Deaconess, Mrs. Palmer worked as Coordinator of Home Care at the Newton Health Department, and prior to that, served for 12 years as Director of Social Service at the Newton-Wellesley Hospital. She has also worked in the Neuro-Psychiatric Clinic at the Boston Dispensary and at the Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City.

Describing the role of social work in the hospital situation, Mrs. Palmer says that her duties are focused upon helping patients and their families adjust to any changes brought on by illness both during the patient's stay in the hospital and afterward.

Mrs. Palmer holds a degree in Sociology from Skidmore College and she trained at Boston State Hospital and at Massachusetts Memorial Hospital. She lives in Newton, has three daughters and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Rossiter is a graduate of Radcliffe and holds a degree in Economics. After college, in 1934, she worked for the Emergency Relief Association and later for the Housing Association of Metropolitan Boston. She spent two years in Columbia, South Carolina, working for Red Cross Public Relations and has been associated with volunteer workers through Radcliffe Alumnae groups for 12 years and through the Robert Breck Brigham Hospital for five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Rossiter live in Melrose and have one set of twins who started college this fall.

Nurses Graduate

(Continued from Page 1)

"She should not mis-use her time by failing to delegate those duties which might be handled as efficiently by someone without her training, yet at the same time, she should always be willing to do any job in a moment of crisis."

Ellen D. Howland, director of nursing presented a message on the qualities and virtues which have developed in connection with nursing over many years. She began by saying that no one virtue was of highest importance but that they all formed a related and essential pattern.

She spoke of charity, the initial desire to help one's neighbor; learning, the process of investigation and re-evaluation, and discipline, the personal sacrifices required by charity and learning, as three continuing elements of a nursing career.

Speaking to the graduates and to all those present who teach or hold positions of leadership, Miss Howland asked that there be an awareness of the responsibility of setting an example. She said that in our work we are constantly being observed and the impression we create upon others is an influential part of their education. Therefore, we all share daily in the responsibility of teaching.

The diplomas were presented by Francis W. Capper, president of the New England Deaconess Hospital Corporation, and Miss Howland awarded Anne Gillett Older the annual scholarship for the highest academic standing. Virginia Alvin, Deborah Ann Jones, and Janice Marshall Phillips were congratulated on achieving honorable mention and Karin Elna Nyberg was elected "Nurse of the Year" by her classmates. All the graduates carried yellow roses, as is traditional at the nursing school graduation.

Executive Director Robert D. Lowry presided at the exercises. The invocation was offered by Chaplain Rudolph L. Samuelson.

Accompanists for the Glee Club, directed by John J. Markarian, Jr., were Jeanne Weston, Class of 1963, and Cheryl Fortier, Class of 1964. Alumnae of the Nursing School served as ushers.

Graduation Class

*Alvin, Virginia
Andrews, Edith Lorraine
Armstrong, Sandra Joan
Baker, Joyce Ann
Banks, Jane Ann
Bolstridge, Jill Marie
Crawford, Gail Ann
Durrell, Patricia Anne
Dyke, Judith Moore
Fidler, Joy Windsor
Fogg, Joan Ellen
Foley, Joanne Mary
Hill, Linda Corrine
Humphrey, Judith Anne
Jenkins, Jean Edna
Johnston, Patricia Frances
*Jones, Deborah Ann
Kolazyk, Sheila Mae
Levine, Barbara Ellen
Lovegren, Linda Jane
Macdonald, Ernestine
Macrae, Ellen May
Maher, Betty Lee
Maier, Patricia Louise
McComas, Mary-Louise Kearney
Mitchell, Marilyn Ona
Moran, Nancy Jean
Mulligan, Jean Skinner
Nason, Dorothy Margaret
Nordeen, Karen Marie
North, Isabelle Marian
Nyberg, Karin Elna
*Older, Shirley Anne Gillett
Pease, Susan Sinclair
*Phillips, Janice Marshall
Robichaud, Jo Ann
Robinson, Jeanne Ryer
Russell, Donna Lee
Sarantis, Jacqueline Salomea
Schoonmaker, Joan Brooks
Scotland, Bonnie Jeane
Smart, Kathryn Judith
Tervo, Mary Ann
Weeman, Sally Ann
Welch, Ann Elizabeth
Whitehouse, Janet MacDuff
Wilkins, Beverly Lauran
Willson, Marsha Thane

* Honorable mention

NUCLEAR MEDICINE RESEARCH DEVELOPMENTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT MEETING IN CRI NOV. 3

The North-East chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine will hold its annual meeting in Joslin Auditorium, Cancer Research Institute, on November 3, at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Shields Warren, director of CRI, will deliver the welcoming address to chapter members and guests from the New England states and the Eastern provinces of Canada.

Other speakers on the program will be doctors reporting on their specific areas of nuclear research. Some of the topics being discussed are, "Location of Brain Tumors at Operation Using Beta Emitters" by Dr. B. Selverstone of New England Center Hospital; "Suspected Hematologic Changes in a Human Population After Fallout," by Dr. W. C. Moloney of Boston City Hospital, and "Formation and Administration of an Isotope Department in a General Hospital," by Dr. N. Cunningham of Victoria General Hospital.

Dr. Hugh M. Pyle and Dr. Mirle A. Kellett, both of the New England Deaconess staff, will also speak.

Membership in the Society is not required for admittance and from 50 to 100 physicians are expected. Many guests will be Pathologists, Radiologists and Internists who are interested in both the immediate and potential application of nuclear medicine.

David L. Joftes, Ph.D., Head of the Department of Radiobiology at the Cancer Research Institute and Vice-president of the North East Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, has said that all phases of nuclear research work including diagnosis, therapy and pure research will be discussed. The meeting will consist of two 3-hour sessions followed by a dinner for informal discussion of the day's presentations. This will be the first meeting of this group ever held in the Boston area.

THANKS FOR FLOWERS

We thank Dr. William P. Beetham of the NEDH staff for the orchids and gladioli which he distributed throughout the hospital during the summer months. Dr. Beetham raises these flowers himself at his home in Waban.

Engagements

Jeanne R. Robinson, class of '62 to Richard A. Jarvi, August 11.

Deborah Ann Jones, class of '62 to William Robert Kelly, August 18.

Ellen K. Pride, class of '63 to Ronald L. Hokanson, September 15.

Nina Brecht, class of '63 to Sunil Mukherjee, October 1.

Brenda Colborne, class of '61 to George E. Allen III, October 8.

Gail A. Crawford, class of '62 to Eugene Raymond Parks, Jr., October 8.

Weddings

Nancy J. Flewelling, class of '60 to Lt. John J. Garrity, Jr., July.

Mary-Louise Alberta Kiarney, class of '62 to Charles Albert McComas, August 4.

Vicki Cahill, staff nurse, to William J. Madden, Jr., August 25.

Janet Lorraine Shepardson, Class of '60 to Nelson Charles Maynard, August 25.

Jean Hallett Taylor, class of '59 to Karl Edwin Young, September 15.

Nancy J. Button, class of '60 to Edward Mark Krokosky, September 22.

Katherine Vaughn, nursing instructor, to Arthur Francis Nicholson, September 30.

Margaret A. Steeves, staff nurse, to Gerald A. McLeod, October 6.

250 In Purchasing Group Hold Meeting at Deaconess

The New England Deaconess Hospital was host for approximately 250 hospital purchasing agents, sales managers and sales representatives at the first fall meeting of the New England Hospital Purchasing Agents Association on October 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Charles U. Letourneau, Editorial Director of "Hospital Management" magazine, spoke in Joslin Auditorium on the subject: 'Hospital Vendor-Buyer Relationships.' In addition to his position as Editorial Director, Dr. Letourneau is President of Letourneau Associates — Advisors and Counsellors to Hospitals, and belongs to such professional societies as the Canadian Medical Association, and the American Board of Legal Medicine.

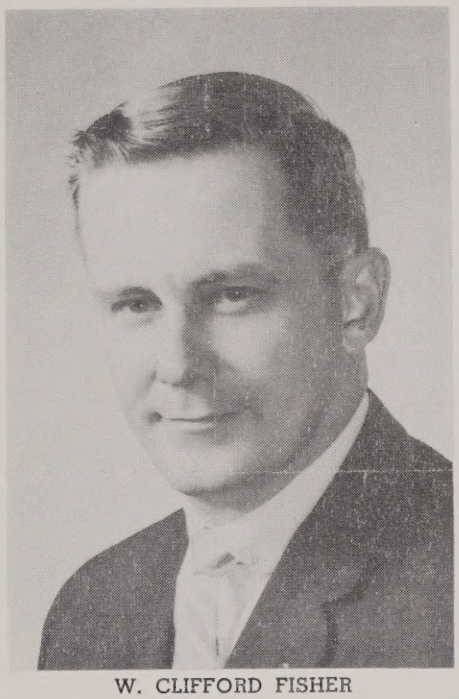
EINSTEIN AWARD CITES GREATNESS OF DR. WARREN

The following is the wording of the citation signed by the president of the Lewis and Rosa Strauss Memorial Fund and presented to Dr. Shields Warren with the Albert Einstein Medal and Award:

"The Lewis and Rosa Strauss Memorial Fund by action of its Board of Trustees presents The Albert Einstein Medal and Award to Shields Warren.

"Worthy inheritor of a great academic tradition begun by his grandfather and father — himself first in time and rank among the healers and physicians of the age of atomic energy — a scientist whose many and important contributions to knowledge and the alleviation of human suffering have stripped the development of atomic energy of its unreasoning fears which would have gravely retarded its progress while, at the same time, identifying the valid hazards for those who must work with them — a man who has instructed hundreds of young men in the pathology of atomic medicine — whose dream of a great cancer research institute in New England he has made a reality — who became the first director of the Division of Biology and Medicine for the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission — who wears graciously the many honors heaped upon him by his peers — holder of the American Cancer Society Medal, the Banting Medal, the Medal and Award of the University of Hiroshima, and many other distinctions — we today add one more distinction — The Albert Einstein Medal and Award."

FISHER IS NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF HOSPITAL PURCHASING AGENTS



W. CLIFFORD FISHER

W. Clifford Fisher, Purchasing Agent for the New England Deaconess Hospital, took office as President of the National Association of Hospital Purchasing Agents at the group's annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois from September 17 through 20.

The Association has a total membership of 1,100 hospital purchasing agents who are represented geographically by 12 district vice-presidents from throughout the United States and Canada.

One of Mr. Fisher's responsibilities as president, is to draw from the district representatives all information concerning the purchasing field in their respective areas; then to direct these facts to the proper committee for comparison and evaluation, and finally, to project the committee's analysis and suggestions into the working processes of the individual districts.

In regard to future plans, Mr. Fisher said that the Association hopes to make the purchasing agent a more professional position by increasing the number of purchasing courses within business school curriculums across the country.

He plans to initiate courses specifically oriented to institutional purchasing, as opposed to those devoted solely to the industrial situation. This project is now in progress under the direction of the Professional Development Committee.

Three additional goals associated with Professional Development are to complete a library of all printed material related to purchasing, to publish and distribute any new material, and to conduct continual research on products which supply hospital needs. It is felt that these projects will create more efficient purchasing and thereby, serve the ultimate goal of all hospital personnel which is the maximum in good facilities and the reduction of hospital costs to the patient.

Fisher was president-elect during 1961-62 and prior to that served as the New England District Vice-President. In 1956-57, he was president of the New England Hospital Purchasing Agents Association.

A graduate of Newton High School and Northeastern University, he holds a degree in Business Administration. He served three years in the Navy during World War II as a pharmacist mate, first class.

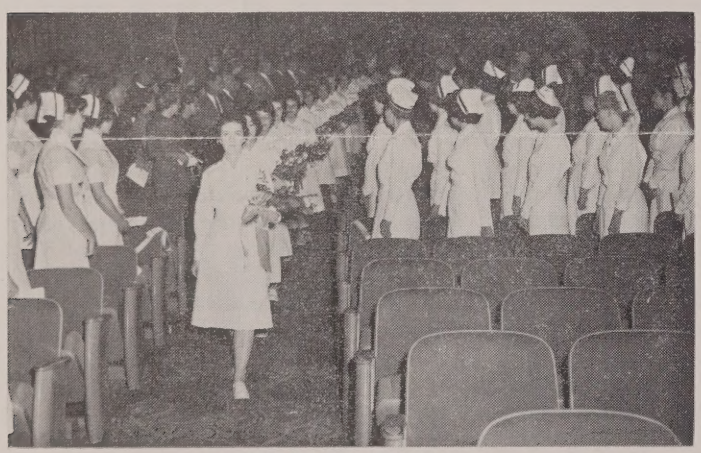
His Deaconess career started in 1946 and he was named purchasing agent in 1955. He is married, has five children, and resides in Needham.

ALBERT EINSTEIN AWARD — Back and front views of medal awarded to Dr. Shields Warren "for achievement in the natural sciences."

GRADUATION CEREMONIES

DIPLOMA AWARDED by Francis W. Capper, president of the corporation, to Betty L. Maher. In center is Miss Ellen D. Howland, director of nursing.

HONOR GRADUATES — Left to right, Shirley Anne Gillett Older, Deborah Ann Jones, Janice Marshall Phillips and Virginia Alvin.



THE PROCESSIONAL

SELECTIONS BY GLEE CLUB

CLASS OF 1962 — Views of the graduating students during the solemn but happy events of graduation at John Hancock Hall.